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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of document 3 is enclosed. Copies of documents 1 and 2 are not enclosed, however, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,619,738
- (2) U.S. Published Application No. 2003/0137525
- (3) JP 2000-217024

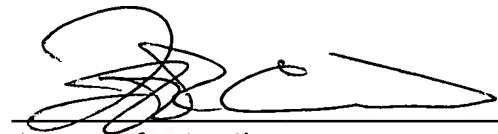
These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

An English-language abstract for the Japanese document cited in the European Search Report is enclosed. Also, the Examiner is directed to the European Search Report for a concise explanation of relevance for each of the documents listed above.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2000-217024	4/00	Japan			Abstract

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